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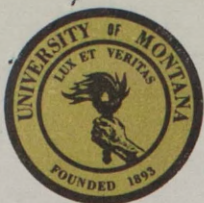
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MONTANA IS AN EXPERIENCE FOR ISU'S WOMAN FORESTER

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MISSOULA, Mont.--

One Iowa State University coed can chalk up some unusual experiences as a result of her forestry studies in Montana this summer.

Cheryl Kirkegaard, Omaha, Nebr., is spending eight-weeks at the University of Montana Lubrecht Experimental Forest near Greenough, 35-miles from Missoula--civilization by mid-west standards.

The most striking feature of her summer is her adoption of 45 big brothers, ISU freshmen and sophomores who also are taking the required course.

Miss Kirkegaard, daughter of an Omaha veterernarian, says she has enjoyed the outdoors all her life. She plans to graduate in forestry, but is uncertain how she will use it. Right now she is most interested in the economic aspects of forestry. Her younger sister, who also plans to attend ISU, is interested in home economics and art.

Cheryl said she left a "friend" behind in Omaha, and "he wasn't very happy." The time and distance didn't bother him as much as eight-weeks with 45 guys and no competition!

She finds getting along with guys is no particular problem as long as she keeps up her studies and does her share in cooperative endeavors.

Dr. Dwight W. Bensead, associate professor of forestry and director of the camp, said this was the third consecutive year ISU foresters conducted their camp at Lubrecht. Previous camps have been all over the country and next year's may be on the upper Michigan peninsula.

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He said Iowa is a forest-less state, so to produce high-quality foresters and place them upon graduation, it is imperative the students have field training and an acquaintance with the numerous aspects and key people in forestry.

A camp in western Montana exposes the students to every aspect of forestry, he added. The ISU group is self-sufficient when it travels, complete with tents, mess hall and cook.

Lubrecht also is used by the University of Montana for year-round research and a spring quarter forestry camp. The cabins, messhall and classrooms were rented to ISU and provide better than equal facilities for women. The men share a common bathhouse, but several year-round cabins have independent bathing facilities. These are used by women foresters and professors' families.

ISU attracts forestry students primarily from the Midwest. They earn academic credit for their summer camp courses. Their mode of travel is as diverse as their personalities. Miss Kirkegaard flew to the camp, some rode in the bus and on the equipment truck, most of them came in 14 cars from Iowa and two hardy souls even motorcycled.

Six of the ISU foresters can claim a powerful Montana initiation. Herr Grizzly took a liking to their camp on Trout Lake in Glacier National Park over the Fourth of July weekend.

At night they couldn't keep him out of their camp and by morning they found they couldn't keep him out of their tent. One of the guys was so startled by the intruder, that he was 40-feet from the tent before he got out of his sleeping bag!

Dr. Henry Webster, head of ISU's forestry department, said Lubrecht was one of two forestry school operated camps ISU has rented. He visited the camp last week on an inspection tour.

He said University of Montana forestry professors assist the ISU camp by offering special lectures and helping with the field trips. ISU faculty staff the day-to-day instruction and resource needs of the students.

National Park Service and Forest Service personnel provide additional resources for the ISU faculty to draw upon. They are used in conjunction with their operations at Glacier Park, the Regional FS Headquarters in Missoula, the Fire Lab, and the Forestry Sciences Lab on the UM campus in Missoula, among others.